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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 GEORGE JOHNSON,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 DONALD P. WANG, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C16-1738JLR

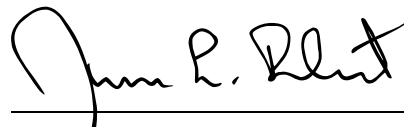
ORDER DENYING REQUEST
FOR JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE

15 Before the court is the Plaintiff George Johnson and *pro se* Defendant Donald P.
16 Wang's joint request for the court to order a judicial settlement conference. (Req. (Dkt.
17 # 36).) They state that they "are at loggerheads over settlement" and that "judicial
18 intervention might help to resolve the case without the necessity of trial." (*Id.* at 1.)
19 Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 39.1(e), "[u]nless otherwise ordered by the court, a judicial
20 settlement conference will only be held in a case where the parties have already
21 participated in mediation, but have been unable to reach a settlement." Local Rules W.D.
22 Wash. LCR 39.1(e). The parties have not participated in mediation (*see* Req.), and the

1 court's deadline for a settlement conference passed on June 14, 2018 (Sched. Order (Dkt.
2 # 23) at 1). The court therefore DENIES the parties' request (Dkt. # 36). The court may,
3 however, consider a request for a judicial settlement conference after a formal mediation
4 has taken place.

5 The court further informs the parties that it expects this matter to be ready for trial
6 as scheduled on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. (*See* Sched. Order at 1.) The
7 court will not entertain any request to continue that date absent truly extenuating
8 circumstances. In addition, both parties must attend in person the pretrial conference
9 scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. (*See* Dkt. (6/27/18 entry).) Finally,
10 the court reminds the parties that their agreed pretrial order is due on July 23, 2018; their
11 deposition designations are due on July 25, 2018; and their trial briefs and proposed
12 findings of fact and conclusions of law are due on August 6, 2018. (Sched. Order at 2.)
13 The court may consider a failure to "appear at [the] pretrial conference" or to "be
14 prepared for trial on the date assigned . . . an abandonment or failure to prosecute or
15 defend diligently, and judgment may be entered against that party." Local Rules W.D.
16 Wash. LCR 11(c) (stating that a judgment entered under that provision may be "with
17 respect to a specific issue or the entire case").

18 Dated this 11th day of July, 2018.

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21 JAMES L. ROBART
22 United States District Judge